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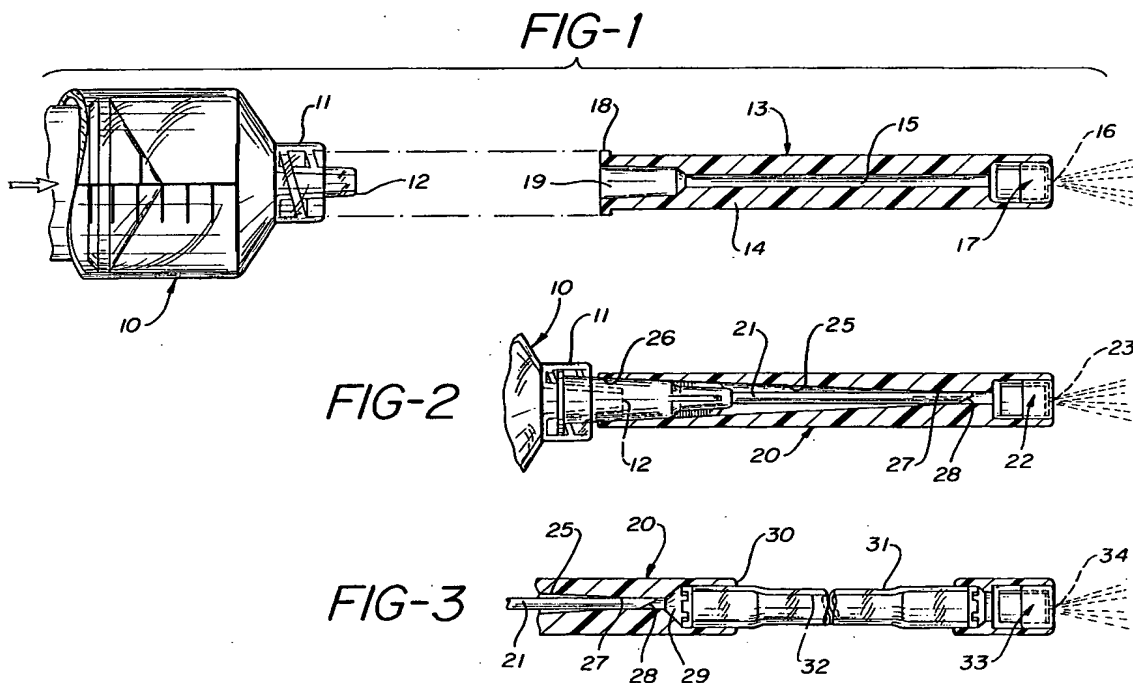
The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 stand rejected as anticipated by WOLF 4,767,416.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 stand rejected as obvious over WOLF in view of BLACKMAN et al. 2,485,184.

WOLF Figures 1-3 are reproduced below.



Claim 1 recites an outlet portion (1) for a nasal rinser. The Official Action generally points to Figures 1-3 of WOLF.

The claim is read onto WOLF as follows: "an outlet end (16), a connection end (26) and a nozzle shaped channel (25) between the outlet and connection ends,". See Figure 2.

The Official Action continues "the nozzle shaped channel (25) having an internal hourglass shape comprising a channel restriction section (27) and an expanded channel outlet section (22)," . Applicant respectfully disagrees. There is no disclosed internal hourglass shape.

See that element 15 of Figure 1 is disclosed as an "internal conduit" and the element 25 of Figure 2 is also disclosed as a "conduit" (column 2, line 28 and line 42).

The Official Action would red the where clause as follows "wherein an inner diameter of the expanded channel outlet section (22) is greater than an inner diameter of the channel restriction section (27)."

Further, the claim recites an outlet portion for a nasal rinser. WOLF discloses a spray nozzle for a syringe which achieves a aerosol (column 3, lines 24-25, "in a fine mist or spray").

The elongated nozzle shaped channel 25 is not able to produce a turbulent flow of the recited nasal rinser of claim 1. The present invention seeks to produce a turbulent flow of the rinsing liquid to be discharged from the outlet section (6) in a liquid state. Again, the recitation is to an outlet portion for a nasal rinser. WOLF and the present invention have both

different structures and different purposes, operational requirements.

Thus, WOLF neither discloses the recited invention or renders obvious the recited invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are solicited AS TO CLAIM 1.

Claim 6 is also not anticipated. WOLF discloses a receptacle but not that recited.

WOLF does not disclose the recited a receptacle for rinsing liquid connected to the outlet portion (1). WOLF discloses a syringe for aerosol spraying a fine mist and does not disclose a receptacle for rinsing liquid.

As to BLACKMAN, even if this reference were considered, it does not overcome the shortcomings as to claims 1 and 6.

Further, BLACKMAN relates to a nebulizer which is also an aerosol producing device (see Figure 4, reference numeral 48, "blast stream"). Also, see that BLACKMAN does not disclose the recited hourglass shape.

Accordingly, the anticipation rejection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.


The obviousness rejection need not be specifically addressed as claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 are believed allowable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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